

FE Ranch

PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS COMPANY

July

July News Letter

San Francisco, July 25, 1956

ALL P.F.E. EMPLOYEES:

P.F.E. Loadings

	1956			1955		
	<u>PFE Cars</u>	<u>Foreigns</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>PFE Cars</u>	<u>Foreigns</u>	<u>Total</u>
June	33,363	8,317	41,680	34,464	7,936	42,400
Jan.-June	174,149	16,927	191,076	162,393	15,453	177,846

Car Situation -

The early peak loading periods for Yuma cantaloupes and Kern County potatoes permitted discontinuing of miscellaneous foreign cars in PFE service effective July 1st. The on-line supply of empty cars going into July was satisfactory and it is important that we get maximum use of our own equipment throughout the balance of the season.

CROP CONDITIONS

Along Southern Pacific -

In Oregon shipments will consist mostly of frozen foods and miscellaneous commodities during July.

In Northern California the Bakersfield potato movement ended July 6th while movement from the Fresno District will continue in good volume through mid-July and thereafter decline rapidly. Demand and market for Salinas lettuce has weakened and although good supplies are available, shipments will be limited during July by market conditions. Carrots, celery, and other vegetables from the coastal areas are expected to be normal. The San Joaquin Valley early Elberta peach movement reached peak volume the first part of July with shipments less than expectations due to poor market returns. The regular Elbertas commenced about July 15th and volume will be regulated by market conditions. Bartlett pears started from the Sacramento River section July 15th and in other areas about one week later. Over-all crop is slightly heavier than last year with a good movement anticipated. Melons from the lower San Joaquin Valley started July 1st and will spread gradually northward with shipments increasing rapidly until peak volume is reached the latter part of July.

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OROP CONDITIONS

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In Oregon shipments will consist mostly of frozen foods and miscellaneous commodities during July. In Northern California the Bakersfield potato movement ended July 6th while movement from the Fresno District will continue. Good volume through mid-July and thereafter decline rapidly. Demand and market for Salinas lettuce has weakened and although good supplies are available, shipments will be limited during July by market conditions. Carrots, celery, and other vegetables from the coastal areas are expected to be normal. The San Joaquin Valley early HLBs peak movement reached peak volume the first part of July with slight less than expectations due to poor market returns. The regular HLBs commenced about July 15th and volume will be restricted by market conditions. Bartlett pears started from the Sacramento River section July 15th and in other areas about one week later. Overall crop is slightly heavier than last year with a good movement anticipated. Melons from the lower San Joaquin Valley started July 1st and will spread gradually northward with shipments increasing rapidly until peak volume is reached the latter part of July. In the Southwestern District Yuma cantaloupe movement is

completed, while Salt River Valley will continue through most of July. Citrus movement is expected to drop off slightly, but continuing export demand is anticipated. Potato movement from the Chino District will be in heavy volume through July 20 and then decline rapidly.

In Texas watermelon movement should be completed by mid-July after which shipments will consist mostly of miscellaneous commodities.

Along Union Pacific -

Early potato movement from Western Idaho is getting under way with shipments expected to increase rapidly under the stimulus of very good markets. Onion harvest will commence later in the month. Weather has been warm with slightly heavier than normal rainfall.

In Northwest District shipping consists principally of miscellaneous commodities including frozen foods, beer, and others.

In Eastern District the Colorado vegetable crops are in good condition and shipments are moving in light volume.

Northern Colorado potatoes should get under way during the last week of July. The Eastern Nebraska summer crop of 1,500 acres is progressing satisfactorily with first loadings expected July 23 to 25. Plantings in Western Nebraska for winter harvest is about completed. Loadings from Missouri River centers consist of packing house products, butter, eggs, and other miscellaneous items and should continue at normal rate of around 25 cars daily.

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